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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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SUBJECT : Troop Training Launch Areas

NO : PIC/JB-3/60

LOCATION: Kapustin Yar-Vladimirovka

DATE: 15 January 1960

Missile Test Center, USSR

LAT : 48° 34' N

WAC NO : 235

LONG: 45° 53' E

B.E. NO :

25X1D

PHOTO DATA:



MAP DATA: USATC 0235-22A; scale 1:200,000

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REMARKS:

Two troop training launch areas, not present on photography, have been identified within the Surface-to-Surface Missile Facilities at Kapustin Yar-Vladimirovka Missile Test Center. One of these launch areas, which consists of five launch sites, extends 8,000 feet north of Launch Area North (48°37'N/46°18'E), Launch Complex "C" (Zone 9). The distance between launch points varies from 850 to 2,500 feet. Each site consists of a launch point and from four to six vehicle revetments. At least one personnel trench is also associated with three of the five launch sites. Although there are some differences in the number and arrangement of vehicle revetments from site to site, there is a basic similarity in the positioning of four revetments around all but the northernmost site. Some of the vehicle revetments have their open ends facing toward the launch point. Figure 1 is an artist's concept of a representative launch site.

The other troop training launch area (Figure 2), which consists of three launch sites, extends 2,600 feet north-northeast of the launch area (48°41'N/46°16'E) at Launch Complex "A" (Zone 7). The distance between launch points is about 700 feet. Each site consists of a launch point and four vehicle revetments. A personnel trench is associated with two of the three

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launch sites. Here the spacing and orientation of the vehicle revetments is generally duplicated, and all revetments have their open ends facing away from the launch point.

It has not been finally determined whether these sites have been used for simulated firings, live firings, or both. The sites at both launch areas were inactive at the time of photography, but showed extensive track activity. It is significant to note that the bivouac area (48°37'N/46°08'E) behind Launch Complex "C" (Zone 9) was also inactive at the time of photography.

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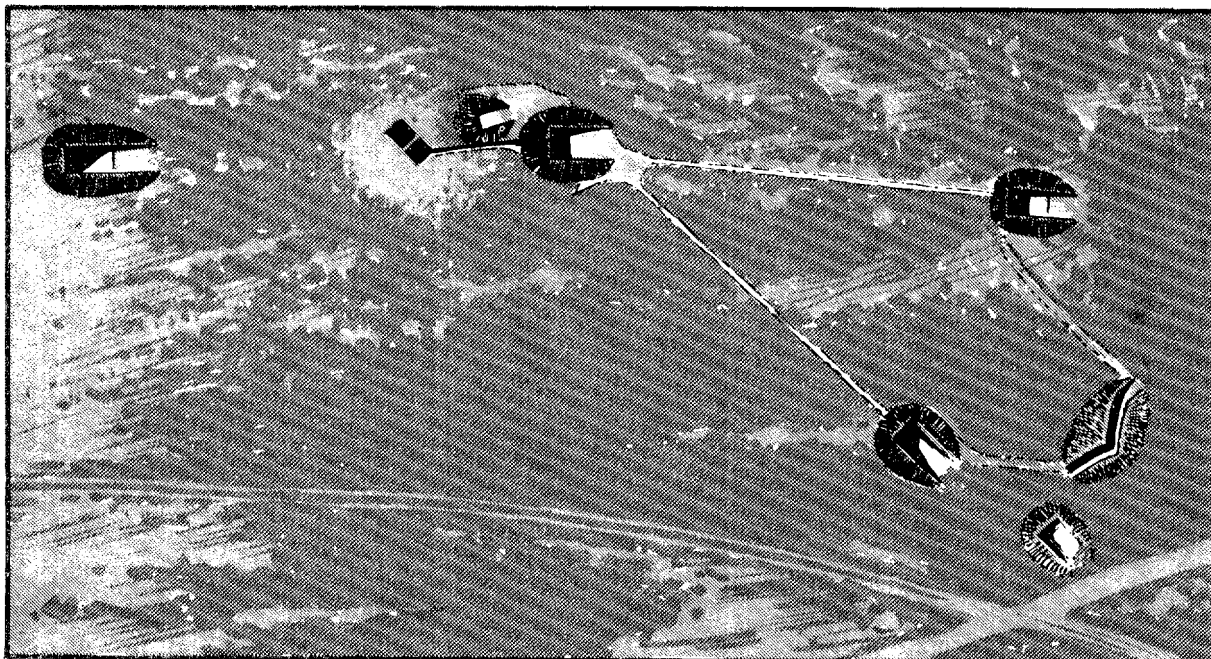


FIGURE 1. REPRESENTATIVE TROOP TRAINING LAUNCH SITE VICINITY OF LAUNCH COMPLEX "C" (ZONE 9)

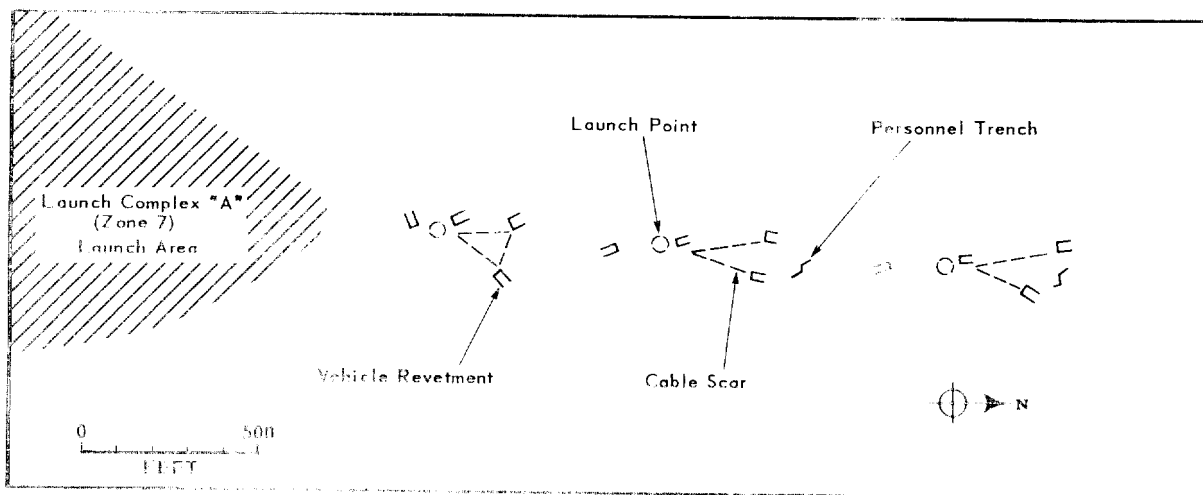


FIGURE 2. TROOP TRAINING LAUNCH AREA VICINITY OF LAUNCH COMPLEX "A" (ZONE 7)